

In the Specification

Please amend the last paragraph of page 3 by deleting a portion of that paragraph, as follows:

~~This object is achieved via a composition as claimed in claim 1, in~~ In particular a pulverulent (powder) masterbatch which comprises a nanoclay composed of a swellable inorganic layered material which has been modified by a pre-exfoliating additive or by an additive mixture.

The remaining portion of the paragraph on page 4 of the translation of the application is unchanged.

Basis of Amendment

The applicant amends the specification to remove language contained in the first sentence of the last paragraph on page 3 to clarify the application. Language such as the deleted language is commonly used in German applications, but is not normally present in U.S. applications and could be confusing. Therefore, this language is deleted. This language was not intended to place any limitations on the scope of the invention. No new subject matter is introduced by this amendment to the specification.